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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANEA
MANESCU: CEAUSESCU REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
REF: (A) SILINS-SIMONS TELCON JUNE 6, (B) BUCHAREST 3867 (NOTAL),
(C) STATE 141971 (NOTAL)

1. AT 8 A.M. LOCAL I CONVEYED TO FONMIN ANDREI POSSIBILITY
OF MEETING WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI AT 6 P.M. JUNE 7 IN WASHINGTON
AND REITERATED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING JUNE 9 AT 10:00 A.M.,
PER REF A. ANDREI SAID HE WAS ALMOST SURE MANESCU'S
SCHEDULING WAS TOO TIGHT TO PERMIT TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING
AFTERNOON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK, BUT HE WOULD CHECK WITH PRIME
MINISTER. JUST BEFORE MY DEPARTURE TO AIRPORT TO SEE MANESCU
OFF, SPECIAL ASSISTANT MITRAN CALLED TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM
ANDREI THAT CHECKING WITH PRIME MINISTER SHOWED IT WOULD NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS PROPOSED BY US SIDE.
ROMANIAN SIDE WOULD BE CONSIDERING "ANOTHER MEANS" TO CONVEY
INFORMATION MANESCU WOULD BE CARRYING, AND MANESCU WOULD
DISCUSS QUESTION WITH ME.

2. AT AIRPORT I EXPRESSED REGRET THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY
SOLUTION HAD NOT BEEN FOUND FOR MEETING TO CONVEY
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S MESSAGE AND NOTED THIS EXTREMELY
BUSY TIME FOR PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND
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DR. BRZEZINSKI.

3. MANESCU SAID HE GREATLY REGRETTED TIMING WAS SUCH THAT
HE COULD NOT BE RECEIVED, EVEN BRIEFLY, BY PRESIDENT CARTER.
CEAUSESCU HAD WISHED HIM TO DELIVER MESSAGE PERSONALLY TO

US PRESIDENT AND ONE OF REASONS HE HAD BEEN SELECTED TO DELIVER CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH AT SSOD WAS HOPE THAT SUCH MEETING WOULD BE POSSIBLE. IF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COULD BE SCHEDULED LATER HE IS PREPARED TO STAY LONGER IN US TO KEEP SUCH APPOINTMENT. OTHERWISE, HE WOULD DEPART AS SCHEDULED AT 6 P.M. JUNE 8.

4. I DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL. AS PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED, HIS INTERPRETER, ANTON SIRBU, SAID IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ANY NEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF MANESCU MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LATER IN THE WEEK COULD BE CONVEYED TO MANESCU THROUGH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE AND/OR ROMANIAN MISSION UN.

5. WITH MANESCU'S INDICATION THAT HE CAN REMAIN IN US LONGER SHOULD PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT BE POSSIBLE AT LATER DATE, I URGE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF VERY BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PRECEDED OR FOLLOWED BY LONGER DISCUSSION WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI.

6. REQUEST THAT DECISION BE CONVEYED TO MANESCU IN NEW YORK BY APPROPRIATE RANKING US OFFICIAL AS WELL AS TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST. AGGREY

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